

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATHENS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

VS.

HAMILTON T. COLE,

Defendant

NO. 3: 05-CR-21 (CAR)

VIOLATION(S): Drug Related

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the motion (Tab #18) of defendant HAMILTON T. COLE to terminate Kim T. Stephens as his attorney in the above-styled criminal proceeding, and of Mr. Stephens' response to the court (Letter of November 3, 2005), the undersigned finds no legal basis for replacing Mr. Stephens. Mr. Stephens has responded to the defendant's accusations, and the undersigned is satisfied that the representation being afforded defendant Cole is appropriate.

Accordingly, defendant's motion is DENIED.

SO ORDERED AND DIRECTED, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2005.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Claude W. Hicks, Jr." The signature is stylized with a large, flowing 'C' and 'H'.

CLAUDE W. HICKS, JR.  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE